1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	Madhya Pradesh .	194·0	41·5	30·9	21·3	224·97	36·7
11	Maharashtra .	166·9	36·7	47·2	17·0	214·10	29·2
12	Orissa . . .	124·2	48·3	10·9	24·1	135·12	44·7
13	Punjab . . .	9·6	7·2	4·3	7·2	13·88	7·2
14	Rajasthan . .	80·6	26·0	19·0	19·4	99·54	24·4
15	Tamil Nadu . .	138·4	39·5	38·5	20·5	176·85	32·8
16	Uttar Pradesh .	373·1	37·2	75·2	27·2	448·34	35·1
17	West Bengal .	137·2	30·3	36·3	20·7	173·45	27·6
18	Small States & U.Ts.	9·3	11·8	4·9	4·7	14·2	7·7
19	All India . .	1959·7	33·4	417·0	20.1	2376·7	29·9

NOTE: 1. The above extimates are derived by using the proverty line of Rs. 49-09 per capita per month at 1973-74 prices corresponding to daily calorie requirement of 2400 per person in rural areas and the poverty line of Rs. 56.64 per capita per month corresponding to calorie requirement of 2100 in urban areas.

2. For up-dating the poverty line for 1987-88 C. S. O. Private Consumption deflator has been used.

3. These calculations are based on the draft report of 43rd Round of National Sample Survey data on household consumer expendture. (Report No. 372 'Report on the Fourth Quinquennial Survey on Consumer Exrenditur', N. S. S. O., June, 1990)

4. The number of people below poverty line relates *to* the population as on 1st March, 1988.

5. State-wise poverty ratios have been estimated using the same methodology as was used at the time of formulation of Seventh Five Year Plan, Since then a number of issues have been raised about the methodology of poverty estimation and these issues are being considered by an expert group headed by Dr. D. *1.* Lakdawala.

0. The estimates presented here are likely to get revised in the light of the recommendations of the Expert Group.

Non-availability of fertilisers (Urea)

*159. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fer tiliser (Urea) used by fanner is not available on the sale agency Centres;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are making plans to ensure its availability in the market on the fixed price; and

(c) it *», what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the table of the House.

Statement

Urea used by the farmers is, by and large, available at the retail outlets. The availability of Urea, however, was affected at some retail points between 25th' July, 1991 to 13th August, 1991 in the wake of revision in prices and subsequent disruptions in availability in certain areas. Instructions have been.

issued to the State Governments to ensure that fertiliser is sold to the farmer at the notified price. Shortfalls in supply, if any, in any area is met by arranging additional supply of the materials from alternate sources.

Allocation of Palmolein to Southern States

*160. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States have requested for allocation of palmolein oil for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KA-MALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import of edible oils has been suspended for the present due to foreign exchange constraints. A_s and when the import of edible oils are resumed, the allocation of edible oils to States/UTs including Southern States for distribution through Public Distribution System will be made.

Cottage at Dalhousie where Poet Rabindranath Tagore lived

512. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Snowdon Estate at Dalhousie where the Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live during summers was taken over by the Defence Department which dismantl ed even the cottage in which the poet lived and barred entry to the estate to admirers of the Poet; and

(b) if so, whether Government pro pose to take steps to restore the cottage as a national monument?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Snowdon Estate, Dalhousie, measuring 10.6175 acres, was acquired by Ministry of Defence in April, 1987 for locating a Defence Project. The Cottage where Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live has not been demolished. It is properly being maintained. However, entry to this area is restricted due. to security reasons. There is no proposal to declare the Cottage as a national monument.

The Cadre of Principal Private Secretary

513. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre of Principal Private Secretary (in the pay-scale of Rs. 3000-4500) under the Central Secretariat Stenographer Service, continues centralised under the control of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions as clarified by them in their O.M. No. 5/12/89-CS JI, dated 11th May, 1989:

(b) whether the duties and functions of Principal Private Secretary to Secretary have since been defined so as to allow them a scope for further promotion in the mainstream of the Central Secretariat Service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the Principal Private Secretaries are assigned work with appropriate level officers in different Departments/Ministries; and

(d) if the reply to any of parts (a) to (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and the currective measures, if any, proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.